

# Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — October 2024

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## From the Pastor

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Serving This Month

Last week, my wife, Joyce, and I took a trip to Naples, in the Finger Lakes area, for a day of grape picking. As many of you know, Naples is famous for its grapes, and we had a wonderful time in the vineyard, picking various types such as Concord, Niagara, and green grapes.

As we wandered through the vineyard, picking and enjoying the grapes — especially the Concord, which I discovered I love more than any other — I came across a scene that took my breath away. A large, beautiful bunch of grapes was hanging from the vine, perfectly attached. It was a simple yet amazing sight, and in that moment, a biblical message came powerfully to my mind.

I was reminded of Jesus' words in John 15:5, where He said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

This verse came alive to me like never before. As I looked at that bunch of grapes firmly connected to the vine, I truly understood what Jesus meant. Just as those grapes cannot grow and thrive without being connected to the vine, we cannot bear spiritual fruit without remaining connected to Jesus. It's not about our hard work, efforts, or passion alone; it's about being rooted in Christ. Only when we are connected to Him can we bear the fruit of His Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

This experience reminded me of the importance of our constant connection with Jesus in our faith journey. As we move through this season, may we focus on staying close to Him, allowing His life-giving Spirit to flow through us and bear good fruit.

Blessings to you all as we continue to grow together in Christ.

*Pastor Yohang*

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# Our Ministry of Concern

## Prayer Concerns

People are added and removed from our ongoing prayer list upon request. *Please call the church office to ADD, REINSTATE, or REMOVE names.*

### Aldersgate people with new or ongoing health concerns:

Rick Baker, Kathy Bernardi, Paul Brown, Dick Caupp, Mike Dunn, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Betty Edgett, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Anton Gilson, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Rich Keegan, Sylvia Lynch, Harry Muthersbough, Roxana Muthersbaugh, Kathy Peck, Laura Piccarreto-Kimmel, Cindy Purzycki, Joe Quirk, Roger Ridley, Ron Rozinski, John Simm, Michael Smith, David Stanley, Hal & Laura Wagner, Jan Winter and the caregivers of all those with ongoing health concerns

### Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

**Concerns:** Kristie (Jim & Nancy Bailey); Nancy Anderson & family; Denise, James, Maddie, Selina, sister Nikki, Mike Sullivan, Kirk Kimberly, Bob Coyne (Gloria Baker); Carol, Selena, Casey, Evan, Tisha & Damian (Sharon Bartter); Sister Diana Ross, Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Lisa Robinson (Karen Best); son Ed (Natasha Carstens); daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); my sister, my boss (Jennifer Crandall); Ruth, Rick Briggs (Lisa Deutsh); Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Joann Dunn, Sally & John Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes); Steven & Marianne Galligan, Reed & Lois Galligan (Sue Galligan & Karen Sladden); Noel, Bev Palandro (Nancy Jones); Lee Hartman, Rich Hartman (Nan & Rich Keller); Lori (Brandon Kelley); Rick (Debbie Lenau); Barbie Anzalone (Kim & Eric Lindenau); Sister Susan Kiesel (Sabrina McLeod); Bonnie Bush, Nicole Mohrmann, Jeanne Sutton family (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); my family (Wendy Peeck); Ester Peprah; Ann Collins, Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Greg Kelly, Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Roger's sister Pearl, daughter Lynn (Roger & Charlotte Ridley); Diane Nary, Glen Campbell, Sandi (David Rogenmoser); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); Ali Musleh, Hilde DiNatale (Anna Simm); Lewis family, Bev, Bruce (Debbie Simm); Debbie Glinski, Fred (Mary Sims); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); Nancy Miller (Michael Smith); Abby (Louretta Teasdale); Michael, Bill Weber, Mom, Matthew (Annette Thompson); Dennis Pankey; Kaylle VanAllen, Cindy Andrews, Michael Appleton, Bobbi Jo (Laurie VanAllen); brother Phil (Louie VanKouwenberg); Ruth Walter; David Whitt

## E-Mail Prayer Chain

PLEASE help us keep the weekly prayer concerns list updated. During office hours, send prayer chain requests to Diana Jason in the church office at [office@aumcgreece.org](mailto:office@aumcgreece.org). If your request needs posting after office hours, contact Chitie Edgett at [cge1935@gmail.com](mailto:cge1935@gmail.com).

Confidential prayer requests should be sent directly to Pastor Yohang Chun at [PastorYohang@aumcgreece.org](mailto:PastorYohang@aumcgreece.org).

### When Sharing Your Prayer Requests...

Prayer changes everything, and our church has a vibrant prayer ministry. When contacting the church office or our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Chitie Edgett, please let them know if you want your prayer request to be shared with only the Prayer Chain and Pastor, or if you want your prayer request shared with the Prayer Chain and our church congregation at Sunday worship.

As we move forward with Live Streaming and email communication, we want to respect those who wish their prayer request to remain confidential.



(Deborah Whitt); sister Megumi, Cindy (Kaori Winter); Sullivan, Penny Baart (Terry & Nancy Young); Bercehe (Steve & Jeanette Zeh); Dennis (Steve Zeh)

**Nursing Homes/Living Centers:** Al Holmes – Latta Road Nursing Home; Dick Keegan — Cobbs Hill Manor

## Altar Flower Sign-up

There are several Sundays available during the rest of 2024 to purchase flowers for the church altar. Sign up on the calendar posted in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$35, and you may take home or donate the flowers after the service.



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# Church Events & Opportunities

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## October Preaching Schedule

- Oct. 6 — **Ezra and Nehemiah's Revival**  
Nehemiah 8:1-2, Psalm 119:102-105
- Oct. 13 — **Aaron and Moses's Leadership**  
Exodus 32: 1-14
- Oct. 20 — **Laity Sunday**
- Oct. 27 — **United Women in Faith Sunday**

## World Communion Offering — October 6

On October 6, World Communion Sunday, we celebrate Holy Communion together and honor Jesus' instructions to remember him. During our worship time, we plan to receive an offering to support scholarships for ethnic students. Please participate in this special United Methodist offering and give a generous offering to the World Communion Sunday scholarship program.



Ministries funded by the **World Communion Special Sunday offering** support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons.

Hopefully you can join us at our in-person worship service that day when special offering envelopes will be provided. Give online using our site: [give.aumcgreece.org](https://give.aumcgreece.org). Or as you consider sending in your remote donations to Aldersgate UMC, please include a donation for this special offering. Feel free to make your donation any time in October being sure to include a notation for "World Communion Sunday."

Thank you in advance for your generous support.  
Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer

## District Superintendent Rev. Suzanne Block to Speak About the 2024 Changes to the Book of Discipline — October 23

During the General Conference held this year in May, the UMC overwhelmingly approved changes to remove from the Book of Discipline discriminatory language and bans related to ministry by, with, and for self-avowed and practicing LGBTQ+ persons. This allows for same-sex weddings performed in UMC churches and with UMC clergy, and also allows ordination of openly LGBTQ clergy.

Rev. Block will come to Aldersgate on **Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:00 PM** to share with us the theological reasons why the Conference has made this change, how it impacts UMC churches, as well as to answer any questions you might have. This will be an opportunity for an open and honest exchange of ideas and information.

"May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?" (John Wesley, "Catholic Spirit," Sermon 39)

Send any question(s) you have to Pastor Yohang ([pastoryohang@aumcgreece.org](mailto:pastoryohang@aumcgreece.org)) or Jan Rothfuss ([jan\\_rothfuss@hotmail.com](mailto:jan_rothfuss@hotmail.com)). Sending questions in advance will give Rev. Block time to prepare complete answers for her presentation.

## Annual Food Friend-Z Auction Friday, November 15 — 6:00-9:00 PM



Mark your calendars now and make your plans to attend this year's Food Friend-Z Auction. It will be an evening filled with fun, trivia, fellowship and of course. . . food.

The evening will start off with a spaghetti dinner and some table trivia. Then Auctioneer and Trivia Master Jan Winter will auction off a delightful array of homemade desserts and gift certificates as well as lead us in games of trivia.

To make the evening successful, we need YOU to provide the treats and certificates to auction off. Make and bring your favorite confection – or a certificate to your favorite area restaurant or business.

Proceeds from this event will support our Mortgage fund.

Sign-up sheets will be on the Opportunity Board by mid-October as well as forms for making your donation(s) to the event. Be on the lookout for both!

## More Events & Opportunities

### 12 ft. Christmas Tree Donation is Needed

We need a Christmas tree for our church's sanctuary this year in time for our Hanging of the Greens service on December 1. If anyone would like to donate a pine tree this fall, please contact Rhonda Simonelli or Brian Winter. Thank you!



### November 2024 Hinge Deadline

All items for the next newsletter are due by **Oct. 20**.

Please send to:

[karensladen@hotmail.com](mailto:karensladen@hotmail.com)

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## Oak Leaf Café

Please bring in plated cookies, brownies, cupcakes and/or breads to sell after each worship service on **Sunday, October 13**. Please make each plate worth \$5.00 to \$10.00. Thank you!

We will also be selling Vanilla and Caramel Lattes after each worship service that day.

All proceeds will go towards our upcoming Children Ministries programs.



## Outdoor Fall Fun in the Parking Lot at Aldersgate UMC!

- Decorate your car, dress in costume and hand out candy!
- Prize awarded to the most creative Trunk theme!
- Pizza, festive treats and beverages will be served

For: ALL Aldersgate Friends and Family  
(Please invite your friends, too)

When: **Saturday, October 26** (in case of inclement weather, we will move inside and decorate a table)

Time: **1:00 - 2:00 PM**

Sign-up sheet is located on the main bulletin board, or you can contact us via email Rhonda Simonelli at [rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org](mailto:rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org) or Brian Winter [bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org).

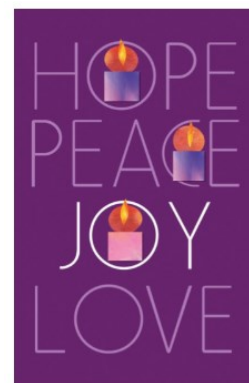
Plus there will be a Special Visit from Andy the Armadillo! He will be handing out coupons and candy!



## Wanted –

### Advent Devotion Writers!

For this holiday season, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the advent of our Lord in the flesh and look ahead to His return, we invite individuals, families, youth, small groups, and others to submit a short, Spirit-filled Christmas devotion.



Our title this year is, “Follow His Star.” We are hoping for 24 devotions (one for each day of Advent) that are easy to read, appeal to a wide age range, and inspire people in their Christian walk. Our goal is to create an AUMC Advent Devotional book, offering our congregation a shared experience — to encourage one another to take time between Sundays to remember the meaning of Christ’s birth.

Submissions are due by Wednesday, November 6 (sent electronically with “Advent Devotion” in the subject line), and we recommend keeping them 300 words or less. For more information, please contact Brian Winter ([bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org)) or Rhonda Simonelli ([rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org](mailto:rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org)).

We look forward to reading your Christmas story!

## Confirmation 2025

We are excited to announce that Confirmation classes will begin in January, culminating in Confirmation Sunday on Pentecost, 2025. These classes are specifically designed for a 6th to 8th grade audience, but high school students who have not yet been confirmed at Aldersgate are also welcome to join. The classes will be administered by our Youth Director, Brian Winter.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist in the process, including members with specialized experience in the various topics involved, as well as mentors who can walk alongside our youth throughout this important journey. The mentorship aspect is a vital part of the Confirmation experience and plays a significant role in fostering a lasting faith in our young members.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please email us with “Confirmation” in the subject line at [bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

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# Christian Education

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## Preschool Class at 11:00 AM in the Nursery

For Toddlers and Preschoolers

Songs, Bible Stories, Crafts & Play

Teacher: Nan Keller with an assistant

**October 6:** Genesis 5: 9-17, Noah's Ark

**October 13:** Exodus 19-20, The 10 Commandments

**October 20:** 1 Samuel 17: 1-25, David and Goliath

**October 27:** All about Pumpkins and Prayer!



## For Children in K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**UNIT 1: Masterpiece — Faith Focus: Grow in Faith**

**October 6:** God Creates Through Grace, Jonah 1-3

**Unit 2: Promise Builder — Faith Focus: God Keeps God's Promises**

**October 13:** God's Promise to Noah, Genesis 6: 13-9:17 (Bake Sale after each worship service)

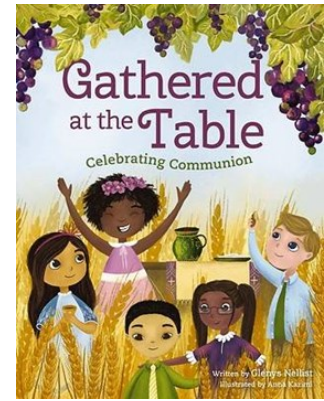
**October 20:** God's Promise to Abraham, Genesis 12: 1-9

**October 27:** Pumpkin Carving and Prayer

## All About Pumpkins & Prayer!

**Sunday, October 27**

All Children & Youth can wear their friendly Halloween costume to church if they would like to. Cider and donuts during class!



## Read with Miss Rhonda for October

Written in both prose and poetry, *Gathered at the Table* engages children as it begins with the example set by Jesus at the Last Supper in Jerusalem and shows readers that even though there are many ways to take Communion, the meaning is the same: in Communion, we remember Christ's sacrifice for us.

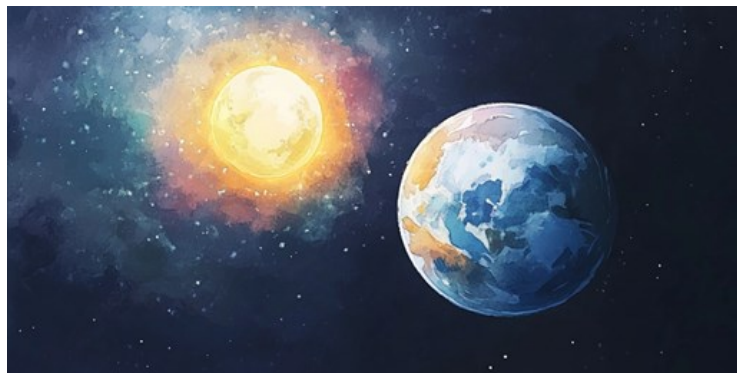
Ever since Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples, Christians all around the world gather to celebrate Communion so they can remember Jesus too. The bread reminds us of Jesus's body. The wine/grape juice reminds us of Jesus's blood. Bestselling author Glenys Nellist takes children ages 4-8 through the action of Communion and encourages them to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for us. (Cokesbury)

## PUMPKIN PRAYER



IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT  
THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN  
HEAVEN. MATTHEW 5:16

# Youth corner



## Trust the Process: God's Hand in Creation and Our Lives

How many of you have ever sat down with a ball of clay, tried to make something, and thought, *"This still looks like a blob of clay?"* Or maybe you scribbled a drawing and thought, *"I tried to draw a dinosaur, but it looks more like a squiggly marshmallow with feet?"* We've all been there.

It's easy to feel discouraged when starting something new. Maybe you tried a sport and weren't great at first, or learned something new at school that didn't click right away. Sometimes, starting over in a new place with new friends feels awkward. When we try new things, it often feels messy or chaotic, and the vision in our heads doesn't match reality. But here's the encouraging part: even God, when He created the heavens and the earth, started with something formless and chaotic.

(Genesis 1:2)

I love that. It reminds me that everything great starts somewhere small, even messy. God could have spoken

creation into existence all at once, but instead, He built it one step at a time. First, there was light, then sky, water, land, plants, animals, and finally man. Each step built upon the last, carefully and intentionally.

God is like an artist, starting with a blank canvas, adding details layer by layer. What looks like nothing at first becomes a masterpiece over time. Just as God took time and care to create the world, He's also working on us. When we start something new, whether it's a project or a big change in life, it might feel chaotic at first—but trust the process. Most great achievements happen right when we feel like giving up.

God has started a process in each of us, and He's not done yet (*Philippians 1:6, Jeremiah 29:11*). If He could turn a chaotic mess into the beautiful world we see today, He can certainly shape our lives, too. So, next time things feel messy, or a little chaotic, remember: *trust the process!*



### Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported the youth group's bottle and can drive! Donations can be placed in the marked barrels in the Gathering Space. Please keep them coming!

### Youth Group (Grades 8-12)

We will be posting scheduling updates via WhatsApp to the group. For any questions, feel free to email me at [bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org)



Aldersgate Greece  
Youth Group



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## Stewardship Corner

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***We don't want you to just attend our church. . . we want you to **LOVE** your church!***

Christian Stewardship has just the recipe for accomplishing that. Serve in one or more ministries, give freely of your financial resources, invite others to come, attend worship regularly, join in and participate in activities, and be engaged with others!

This is the time of year when church leaders work out the budget for 2025. In order to determine our spending budget, we need to estimate our income, and the best way for us to do that is through our members pledged



support. The church functions because of the faithful commitment of our collective time, talents, and treasure.

Starting on October 27 we will be focusing on thankfulness, thankfulness for our Church and for each other.

**Sunday, November 24** will be our annual Commitment Sunday or Thanksgiving Sunday. We will have one service at 10:00 AM where our offered pledged support for 2025 will be blessed during the service. After the service we will have a Fellowship potluck lunch to celebrate our collective commitment.

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## Ebenezer Hope Ministries

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### Nakivale School Project Update

As we reported in our last update, we are able to proceed with the building of the school in Nakivale Refugee Settlement as long as we add a church to the school campus, so that the program falls under the oversight of the Ugandan Federal Church.

Since building another church building would have added cost to the program, we looked at the possibility of incorporating Redeemed Nakivale Church, built by Pastor Renzha while he lived in Nakivale, into this Ebenezer Hope Ministries project. Upon checking with the Republic of Uganda Registrar of Companies we found that the name Ebenezer had been incorporated for another church.

So Redeemed Nakivale Church, the land around it, and the in-process school campus are now incorporated as Naioth Revival Center Ministries (NRCM) Limited by the Registrar of Companies. The church building, its water purification systems, and rain water collection system previously purchased by donations are all part of the school campus.

Naioth is mentioned in 1 Samuel 19:18-19 & 22-23 as a place where Samuel supervised a community of prophets, a prophets' school; as well as the place where David escaped from Saul via prophesying.



Building of the school is now in process. The accompanying picture shows the first classroom building, with four classrooms, in process. We are getting ready to start building the second building that will contain six more classrooms.

Now we are requesting everyone who has supported student scholarships in the past to please donate at least that equivalent annual amount, which should support the necessary building program. Once built, the school is expected to be self-supporting from tuition from local residents.

Thank you for your support and blessings,  
Rich Mohrmann, Lay Director of EHM





# United Women in Faith

## S.A.I.L Exercise Program Continuing

The United Women in Faith is again sponsoring the SAIL class (Stay Active and Independent for Life). It is a program centered around strength, balance, and aerobics (low impact) for Adults. Julie Battaglia from Lifespan will be teaching this class for us.

The class starts on October 16 and goes through December 6, 2024 on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 -2:00 PM in the Ide Center for only \$25. We have room for 20 people. Sign up on the bulletin board, if you are interested. Bring your check to the first class. If you have any questions, contact Candy Metzger 355-9542.

Join us for fun while you exercise !!

## Let's Celebrate!!

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Angie Benton	October 1
Sharon Bartter	October 2
Annette Thompson	October 5
Susan DeVincentis	October 7
Dale DeCann	October 12
Joyce Farrokh	October 17
Briana Kephart	October 18
Ella Simonelli	October 19
Nancy Young	October 20
David Rogenmoser	October 23
Cindy Purzycki	October 24
Timothy Kephart	October 25
Bette Edgett	October 25
Ted Carstens	October 30
Roy Baird	October 30

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Tamara Kephart	October 6
Sabrina McLeod & Gretta Schaefer	October 7
Julia & Brandon Troiano	October 16
John & Karen Best	October 20

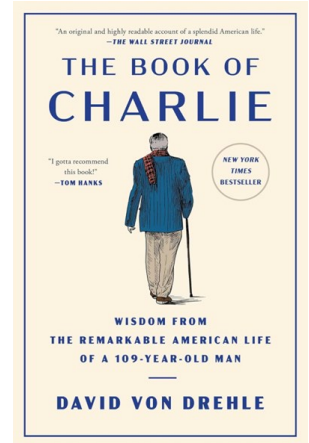
## Reading Circle Discussion Book for Oct. 10

Join the Reading Circle on Thursday, October 10 at 1:30 PM in the church library when we will discuss *The Book of Charlie* by David Von Drehle. We have multiple copies of the book; contact Maureen Whalen at [whalenmt.7976@gmail.com](mailto:whalenmt.7976@gmail.com) or call her at 581-9164 if you are interested or for more information. All are welcome.

In *The Book of Charlie*, one of our nation's most prominent writers discovers the truth about how to live a long and happy life from the centenarian next door in this "original and highly readable account of a splendid American life" (*The Wall Street Journal*).

When a veteran Washington journalist moved to Kansas, he met a new neighbor who was more than a century old. Little did he know that he was beginning a long friendship—and a profound lesson in the meaning of life. Charlie White was no ordinary neighbor. Born before radio, Charlie lived long enough to use a smartphone. When a shocking tragedy interrupted his idyllic boyhood, Charlie mastered survival strategies that reflect thousands of years of human wisdom. Thus armored, Charlie's sense of adventure carried him on an epic journey of the Jazz Age, racing aboard ambulances through Depression-era gangster wars, improvising techniques for early open-heart surgery, and cruising the Amazon as a guest of Peru's president.

David Von Drehle came to understand that Charlie's resilience and willingness to grow made this remarkable neighbor a master in the art of thriving through times of dramatic change. As a gift to his children, he set out to tell Charlie's secrets. *The Book of Charlie* is a "genuinely original, formula-shattering" (Bob Woodward) gospel of grit — the inspiring story of one man's journey through a century of upheaval. The history that unfolds through Charlie's story reminds you that the United States has always been a divided nation, a questing nation—a nation of Charlies in the rollercoaster pursuit of a good and meaningful life.



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## Explaining Creation to Your Kids

Recently in Sunday School, we've started talking about **creation**, and some of the kids have been asking a big question: "**Who created God?**" Great question! I explained to them that **God created the universe** we live in, but **God Himself didn't have a beginning**. Since we live in the universe God created, the rules of the universe — like **time** — apply to us, but not to Him.

That's the simple way to explain it, but there's a more complex way too.

Our universe runs on the rules of **time**, but **time is actually a physical property** of the universe God created. Under certain conditions — such as changes in **gravity, mass, and acceleration** — even time can behave differently. In extreme places like **black holes**, for example, time itself behaves in strange ways because the **laws of physics break down**. This means that **time only applies** to the universe we live in, because God created time as part of it. The rules of time don't apply to God, so there's no beginning or end for Him. He exists **outside of time**, and the Bible describes Him as one who "inhabits eternity" (Isaiah 57:15). Since God is outside of time and space, He can know all events — **past, present, and future** — simultaneously.

Here's a fun fact: In 1955, the famous scientist **Albert Einstein** wrote, "People like us, who believe in physics, know that the distinction between past, present, and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion." That's an amazing quote! It might be hard to explain, but some scientists who study Einstein's **theory of relativity** believe that all moments in time — **past, present, and future** — exist at once, like **points on a map**. We just experience them one at a time because of the way our universe is set up — we call that the "four-dimensional space-time continuum." It's a fancy way of saying the universe can be measured in all directions and time is also measurable. But independent of that structure, like where **God exists**, you could see all of time at once.

While the **universe** and everything in it needs a beginning, **God has always existed** — He wasn't created.

It's a lot to think about! But if you ever get stuck, just remember: "All you need to know is—it's **science!**" LOL



Today's kids also need to understand how **modern science** approaches creation. Even though many scientists believe in God, when they do **science**, they focus on explaining how the universe works without mentioning God. It's kind of like trying to explain how a **TV** was made without talking about the people who designed or programmed it. That's why scientists use a really long **scale of time** — they think about how long things might take if they happened on their own and how they could happen on their own. But don't worry too much about that. **Science** looks at how things work and tries to explain how they came to be, but it doesn't answer the deeper questions of **who made them** or **why**. That's where **faith** comes in. **Science doesn't exclude God** — it just approaches things from a different angle. Our **faith** is independent of science, and while scientific views may change, what we believe about God stays the same.

While science helps us understand **how** the universe works, it doesn't answer the deeper questions of **why** we exist, **what** our purpose is, or the **meaning** of life. Science can explain the mechanics of the world, but it doesn't provide for our **spiritual** and **emotional needs**. That's where **faith** comes in — giving us answers to the questions that science wasn't designed to address.

Blessings,  
Brian Winter

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## Choir Director Job Opening

**Position Purpose:** To provide leadership and direction to the Aldersgate UMC Chancel Choir, and thereby facilitate a high-quality choral music ministry for both the participating vocalists and the church membership.

**Responsibilities:** Subject to review and adjustment in conjunction with the Pastor, the Staff/Parish Committee, the Worship Committee, and the Church Council (when appropriate), the following constitute the major responsibilities of the Choir Director at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

**Working Conditions:** The Choir Director requires flexibility in hours available for work, including evenings and week-ends. The position is a part-time, year-around, salaried position. The actual number of hours required during any given week are those that are needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the position. It is recognized that the schedule may vary at different times of the year.

**Qualifications:** The Choir Director plays an important role in the spiritual climate the church, both as a leader and as an example. Aldersgate UMC, therefore, seeks a person who has a solid understanding of the foundations of the Christian faith, United Methodist tradition (or a willingness to learn), and who has a strong desire to foster a spirit of enthusiasm for the music which enhances our Christian faith. We seek a person who has the musical knowledge and ability to produce a high-quality choral program, generate new ideas and programs, and who values a team concept of ministry.

For Further information or to apply contact: [office@aumcgreece.org](mailto:office@aumcgreece.org)

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### Apple Crisp Sundae Sunday!

Thank you all for supporting our children's ministry programs. We raised \$110 dollars on September 29th. Special thank you to Kathy Pearson for donating the apples from her farm.



## *Our Church Staff*

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## **Serving in Worship This Month**

### **Ushers**

#### **9:30 AM**

10/6 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

10/13 — Susan DeVincentis

10/20 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

10/27 — Susan DeVincentis

#### **11:00 AM**

10/6 — Nancy & Terry Young

10/13 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

10/20 — Nancy & Terry Young

10/27 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

### **Live Streaming**

10/6 — **Traditional** @ 11:00 AM

Juan & Tammy Ruiz

10/13 — **Contemporary** @ 9:30 AM

Mary Sims & Rich Keller

10/20 — **Traditional** @ 11:00 AM

Juan & Tammy Ruiz

10/27 — **Contemporary** @ 9:30 AM

Dave Roza & Mary Sims

### **Scripture Readers**

#### **9:30 AM**

10/6 — Debbie Simm

10/13 — Emma Simm

10/20 — Carol DeCann

10/27 — Jan Rothfuss

#### **11:00 AM**

10/6 — Nancy Young

10/13 — Gary Hogestyn

10/20 — Brian Winter

10/27 — Nancy Young

### **Nursery Workers**

#### **9:30 AM**

10/6 — Julia Troiano

10/13 — Anna Simm

10/20 — Bobbi Mohrmann

10/27 — Debbie Simm

#### **11:00 AM**

10/6 — Joyce Chun

10/13 — Joyce Chun

10/20 — Joyce Chun

10/27 — Joyce Chun



**Apple Crisp Sundae Sunday!**